

9 FAM PART IV Appendix C, POLAND

(TL:VISA-304; 07-30-2001)

RECIPROCITY

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Class	Fee	No. Applications	Validity
A-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
A-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
A-3 [1]	NONE	MULTIPLE	24 MONTHS
B-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	120 MONTHS
B-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	120 MONTHS
B-1/B-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	120 MONTHS
C-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	120 MONTHS ⁶
C-1/D	NONE	MULTIPLE	120 MONTHS
C-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	6 MONTHS
C-3	NONE	MULTIPLE	6 MONTHS
D	NONE	MULTIPLE	120 MONTHS
E-1 [2]	NO TREATY	N/A	N/A
E-2 [2]	NONE	TWO	3 MONTHS
F-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
F-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
G-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
G-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
G-3	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
G-4	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
G-5 [1]	NONE	MULTIPLE	24 MONTHS
H-1B	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
H-1C	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
H-2A	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
H-2B	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
H-3	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
H-4	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
I	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
J-1 [4]	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
J-2 [4]	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
K-1	NONE	ONE	6 MONTHS
K-2	NONE	ONE	6 MONTHS
K-3	NONE	MULTIPLE	120 MONTHS
K-4	NONE	MULTIPLE	120 MONTHS
L-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
L-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
M-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
M-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
N-8	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
N-9	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
NATO 1-7	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
O-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
O-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
O-3	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]

P-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
P-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
P-3	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
P-4	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
Q-1 [6]	NONE	MULTIPLE	15 MONTHS [3]
R-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
R-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
S-5 [7]	NONE	ONE	1 MONTH
S-6 [7]	NONE	ONE	1 MONTH
S-7 [7]	NONE	ONE	1 MONTH
TD [5]	N/A	N/A	N/A
V-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	120 MONTHS
V-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	120 MONTHS [8]
V-3	NONE	MULTIPLE	120 MONTHS [8]

SPECIAL CLEARANCE AND ISSUANCE PROCEDURES

(TL:VISA-124; 09-22-1995)

None.

DOCUMENTS AND RECORDS

Police Record

(TL:VISA-218; 11-24-2000)

Available.

If the Applicant is in Poland: Application should be made directly to the Ministry of Justice in Warsaw (Ministerstwo Sprawiedliwosci, al. Solidarnosci 127, 00-958 Warszawa). Applicant should furnish full name, any name previously used (i.e., maiden name), full names of parents, applicant's current address, profession, and period of residence in Poland. It usually takes from two to four weeks for the Ministry of Justice to process good conduct certificate requests, although someone who appears personally at the Ministry can often obtain a certificate on the same day. A courier from the Embassy picks up the certificates once a week.

If the Applicant is in the United States: Application should be sent to one of the four Polish diplomatic missions in the United States: Washington, DC, New York, Chicago, or Los Angeles. Applications may also be sent directly from abroad to the Ministry of Justice address listed above. The processed certificates are mailed to the applicant's address in the United States.

If the Applicant is in a Third Country: Application should be sent to the Polish Embassy in that country, or may be mailed directly to the Ministry of Justice address listed above. Processed certificates are mailed to the applicant's address.

Prison Records

(TL:VISA-161; 02-21-1997)

Available. Prison records are generally available directly from the court of instance if the record is less than ten years old. Records older than ten years have normally been destroyed. Certificates attesting to prison sentences or the absence of prison records are obtainable on application to the Ministry of Justice, Department of Criminal Register, Warsaw. (Ministerstwo Sprawiedliwosci, Rejester, Skazanych, Warszawa).

Military Record

(TL:VISA-161; 02-21-1997)

Not available. Citizens and residents of Poland are liable to military registration and service in the Polish Armed Forces, unless they can prove that they are nationals of another country. Registration includes males from the age of 18 years (actually beginning January 1 of the year in which they reach the age of 18) to the age of 50 years (actually to December 31 of the year in which they reach the age of 50).

Birth, Marriage, And Death Certificates

(TL:VISA-218; 11-24-2000)

Available. A copy of the record must be obtained from the Vital Statistics Office of the appropriate locality. If the birth, marriage or death occurred in a village or other place in which no vital statistics office is maintained, the record can be obtained from the Communal Vital Statistics Office (Urząd Stanu Cywilnego Gminnej Rady Narodowej) established for the community. Copies of the records can also be obtained from the district court having jurisdiction over the area, as duplicate copies of vital statistic records must be maintained as a part of such courts.

Polish legislation provides for the issuance of the three types of certificates pertaining to birth, marriage and death: (1) a complete and true copy (odpis zupełny), (2) an abbreviated copy (odpis skrócony), and (3) an excerpt from the original records (wyciąg).

Only the complete and true copy or the abbreviated copy should be accepted because of the meager data furnished in the excerpt.

The complete and true copy of a birth record gives the first and middle names of a child, its sex, the place, date and hour of birth, the full names of the parents, their occupations, dates and places of birth, place of residence, mother's maiden name, whether or not legally married, and subsequent changes in the family status, such as the date and place of the death of the parents, the marriage and date and place of death of the person covered by the record.

The complete and true copy of a marriage certificate gives the full names, occupation, places of residence, places of birth, and dates of birth of the couple concerned, the full names and places of residence of the parents, and the names, occupations, and places of residence of two witnesses.

A complete and true copy of a death certificate contains such particulars as the decedent's full name, date and place of birth or age at the time of death, occupation, marital status, nationality, place of residence, date and exact time of death, cause of death, time and place of discovery of the corpse, and names and other personal details concerning the spouse and the parents of the deceased.

Divorce Decree

(TL:VISA-91; 08-01-1994)

Available. A copy of a divorce decree may be obtained from the District Court where the decree was rendered.

VISA ISSUING POSTS

(TL:VISA-265; 04-18-2001)

Warsaw (E) All Categories
Address: U.S. Embassy - Warsaw
A1. Ujazdowskie 29/31
Warsaw 00-540
Poland
Address: U.S. Embassy - Warsaw
Department of State
Washington, D.C. 20521-5010

New Features at U.S. Embassy Warsaw

(TL:VISA-265; 04-18-2001)

The U.S. Embassy at Warsaw inaugurated its new consular telephone recorded information system, available for public inquiries. The number is 011-48/22/625-1401, and is operational 24 hours a day.

The system has recordings in English, Polish and Russian that guides the caller through an easy-to-understand telephone tree to find information about the entire range of consular services. Some of the many features provided by the system are how to:

- a. Apply for an U.S. passport;
- b. Vote in U.S. elections;
- c. File an immigration petition for a family member;
- d. Obtain an appointment for a tourist visa interview; and
- e. Inquire about the reason for a refusal of a tourist visa application.

Operators continue to be available at specific hours to answer case-specific queries for questions dealing with specific immigrant visa cases. Calls on 48/22/625-1042 are taken between 10:00 AM and 12:00 Noon, and between 2:00 PM and 4:00 PM. For specific nonimmigrant visa cases, 48/22/625-1063 is a line designed primarily for U.S. citizens calling from the U.S.

Krakow (CG) NIV except K visas
Address: U.S. Consulate General - Krakow
U1. Stolarska 9
31-043 Krakow, Poland
Address: U.S. Consulate General Krakow
U.S. Embassy - Warsaw
Department of State
Washington, D.C. 20510-5010

GEOGRAPHIC AREAS SERVICED

(TL:VISA-218; 11-24-2000)

Warsaw: IV and "K" visas

All of Poland
Belarus
Latvia
Lithuania
Ukraine

Warsaw: NIV

Kujawsko-Pomorskie
Lodzkie
Lubelskie
Lubuskie
Mazowieckie
Podlaskie
Pomorskie
Swietokrzyskie
Warminsko-Mazurskie

Wielkopolskie
Zachodnio-Pomorskie
Krakow: NIV (except K)
Dolnoslaskie
Malopolskie
Opolskie
Podkarpackie
Slaskie